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My friend Al always lamented that people don't go on adventures anymore. We play it too safe. I've never met anyone as adventurous as him, nor as good-spirited. Al would have loved the idea of Coboat, I could imagine him waking up every morning and messaging me about this opportunity until I finally applied.

The sad irony is that if he were still around to do that, I probably wouldn't have a creative project to tell you about. You see, what I want to do is write a novel on Al's story, the story of his last adventure.

We met years ago, when we were both 15. He was about to head to Italy for five months, and I to France; our sense of adventure started early! Al was my confidant from that moment on.

Years passed, his family moved away, I moved to uni, he moved to drama school, I flew to London. We went through MySpace, MSN and Facebook, disappearing for months and popping up again as though no time had passed. Our paths never crossed again, except that one time on my last trip back to Australia, when I discovered he'd grown up and developed a love of motorbikes... I'll tell you the rest of that story in person (on the boat!) so for now, let's just say that this day left us referring to our relationship as an unanswered question.

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On top of all that, he was also a writer. A few months in, he sent me one of his stories to edit. I was busy working a mind-numbing, soul-destroying contract at the time so his story sat ignored.

'Did you read it', he sent, a couple of days later. At the time his persistence annoyed me, especially when he followed up with nothing but:
'?'

On his next journey, Al was killed in a motorbike accident.

Hundreds of people around the world were hit by the news of his death. In 24 years, he touched so many lives. And somehow, even though he's not here anymore, Al's still inspiring people to live differently, do what they love, and, most importantly, adventure.

With this book, I want to tell his story and continue his legacy.

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In summary, what is your “Made on Coboat” project idea (max. 3 sentences)?

If you've ever lost someone who lived life with as much passion as my friend Al, you'll know how wasteful it feels to have them taken away. To celebrate his life, I'm writing a novel about Al, his adventures, and the amazing impact he continues to have on the people who love him. This is his story, and I hope it inspires everyone to adventure, laugh more, and live life with purpose.

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How much of your project can you realistically achieve in 100 days if you will get the chance to stay on the Coboat?

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Will you complete this project on your own, or will you be working with a together with a team?

By myself, with feedback from lots of lovely people :)

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Why should your project be chosen?

The story's all about embarking on a voyage of discovery and embracing life, so I'm sure it will resonate with everyone who boards Coboat!

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What does this project mean to you?

It's cathartic, writing Al's story. I guess this is my way of coping, and of finding something positive in a tragic situation.

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Why do you want to do this project?

I like to think that reading his story will inspire people to seek out adventure in their lives, to find opportunities to make other people happy, and to take risks to create a life that makes them happy.

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